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To whom it may concern:

We, the undersigned poultry producers, would like to take this opportunity to encourage EPA and the individual states affected by the Chesapeake Bay TMDL to consider amending the planned activity item in the **Maryland Watershed Implementation Plan: Summary Table of Actions** described as *Poultry Litter Treatment*. We respectfully request that all commercially available Litter Amendments be accepted and included as BMP's for mitigating ammonia and Phosphorus from Poultry farms.

These amendments include: Klasp™ PLT™ and Poultry Guard™

These amendments have been proven to be effective and have been accepted by NRCS for EQIP cost share by several of the states affected by the TMDL. Scientific data is readily available and we, as producers, have utilized these amendments and found them to be effective at reducing ambient ammonia release and binding phosphorus in the litter.

**Maryland: Conservation Practice Fact Sheet Recommendations for Poultry Acidifying Litter Amendments (Code 591) - AMENDMENTS FOR THE TREATMENT OF AGRICULTURAL WASTE, October 2008.**

**Virginia: Fact Sheet – Conservation Practice Standard Amendments for Treatment of Agricultural Waste (Code 591)** Virginia Conservation Practice Standard 591 *Amendments for Treatment of Agricultural Waste*.

**DELAWARE CONSERVATION PRACTICE STANDARD Amendments for Treatment of Agricultural Waste (Code 591).**

Additionally, individual circumstances dictate we have the ability to use all of the tools available so that we may do our part in reducing agriculture's impact on the bay.

We strongly encourage you to add, include, or otherwise amend the Chesapeake Bay and state TMDL's so we may utilize these proven effective amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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